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# S. 3162

To clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 24, 2010

Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDED**  
 2 **BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
 3 **THAT CONSTITUTES MINIMUM ESSENTIAL**  
 4 **COVERAGE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (v) of section  
 6 5000A(f)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
 7 added by section 1501(b) of the Patient Protection and  
 8 Affordable Care Act, is amended to read as follows:

9 “(v) chapter 17 or 18 of title 38,  
 10 United States Code, or otherwise under the  
 11 laws administered by the Secretary of Vet-  
 12 erans Affairs, of an individual entitled to  
 13 coverage under such chapter or laws for  
 14 essential health benefits (as defined by the  
 15 Secretary for purposes of section 1302(b)  
 16 of the Patient Protection and Affordable  
 17 Care Act) insofar as such benefits are  
 18 available under such chapter or laws; or”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 20 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in section  
 21 1501(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
 22 and shall be executed immediately after the amendments  
 23 made by such section 1501(b).

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